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"This year I joined several Members of Congress in writing to the President to urge him to re-assess the situation in Iraq.

"Throughout the on-again/off-again stalemate with Saddam Hussein over weapons inspections, the United States has been patient and flexible.

"We are very close to the point where the diplomatic options have run their course. When the diplomatic options are exhausted, we will have no choice but to take military action.

"The entire international community -- from Iraq's neighbors to the rest of the world -- can neither ignore nor delay the crisis in Iraq.

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